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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Subject: Revision of the Charter of the Joint Intelligence Committee

Reference: (a) JCS SM-8457, 24 June 1947, attached.

1. ICAPS, with the collaboration of CGD and ORE, has prepared the attached draft of a charter for the Joint Intelligence Committee of the Joint Chiefs of Staff as a counter-proposal to the JCS draft attached. Attention is invited to the fact that this draft suppresses the JIS, transfers most of its responsibilities to the CIG, and creates a Secretariat for the JIC to handle the remaining functions.

2. The section in brackets is in the opinion of ICAPS unsound in principle, but probably required for practical reasons. The Assistant Director, ORE objects to its inclusion even for these reasons.

3. ICAPS has prepared Annex (A) to give you a brief history of the consideration of JIC-CIG relationship.

4. ICAPS recommends:

a. that its draft of a charter for the JIC be discussed by you on an informal basis with Admiral Leahy, it being recalled that at the last NIA meeting he indicated that he had given consideration to the general problem in the JCS;

b. that a draft informally approved by Admiral Leahy be circulated to the IAB for its advisory comment;

c. that this draft with IAB comment be submitted for the consideration and approval of the NIA;

d. that the draft approved by the NIA be used in replying to the JCS;

e. that the Secretary, NIA be given instructions to expedite this entire procedure, using voting slips where practical;

f. that an interim reply, as attached, be made to the JCS.

Enclosures: 3

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